



**MAIN LIBRARY
CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
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Newton, NC 28658**

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Grant enhances Spanish book collection

Catawba County Library System has enhanced its Spanish language book holdings, thanks to a \$10,000 federal grant.

Money from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) was combined with local funds to purchase more than 160 Spanish titles—500 books in all—for both children and adults. The federal grant was earmarked for Spanish language books only.

Diane Jennings, collection development librarian for the county system, said that both fiction and non-fiction materials were purchased for all reading levels. The books include bilingual story books for children learning English as well as adult books covering such subjects as how to buy a house and how to become a U.S. citizen.

The new books will be placed throughout the library system depending on needs within specific communities, though most will go to Newton and St. Stephens. Brochures listing specific titles and authors will be available free at these and other locations: Claremont, Conover, Maiden, Southwest and Sherrills Ford.

LSTA grants are administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources.



Lisa Gabriel, library assistant, shelves new Spanish language children's books at St. Stephens branch library.



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